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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Davidson L. HEPBURN (Bahamas)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting on 7 December 1982.
2. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 6 December 1982 concerning the status of credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly. The memorandum contained information regarding the credentials of Member States not considered by the Committee at its 1st meeting, on 6 October 1982, at which time the Committee had considered and accepted formal credentials submitted in respect of the representatives of 90 Member States (see A/37/543).
3. It was indicated in the memorandum, which was based on information received up to 6 December 1982, that, as at that date and since the 1st meeting of the Committee, additional formal credentials, in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been submitted by the following 51 Member States: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Canada, Central African Republic, Congo, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Italy, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, Uruguay and Zaire. In addition, the appointment of the representatives of two Member States - Colombia and Solomon Islands - had been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a cable from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerned. The appointment of the representatives of 13 Member States - Angola, Cape Verde, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, France, Grenada, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Samoa, Sri Lanka and Upper Volta - had been

communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a letter or note verbale from the permanent representative or permanent mission concerned. The Secretary-General's memorandum further indicated that, of the 15 Member States that had not yet submitted formal credentials as provided for in rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, 12 Member States - Angola, Cape Verde, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, France, Grenada, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Samoa and Sri Lanka - had appointed permanent representatives who were in possession of credentials that expressly empowered them to represent their Governments without limitation as to session in all organs of the United Nations.

4. A statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General was made by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Legal Counsel.

5. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee decide to accept the credentials of the representatives of all the Member States referred to in the Secretary-General's memorandum of 6 December, on the understanding that those Member States that had not yet submitted formal credentials for their representatives as required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly should communicate them to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. Accordingly, he proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the thirty-seventh session of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 6 December 1982,

"Accepts the credentials of all these representatives."

The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

6. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 8). The proposal was approved by the Committee without a vote.

7. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

8. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the thirty-seventh session
of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.